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FOLLOWING RECEIVED ACTION ADDIS ABABA FROM ASMARA DTG

P 270825Z MAR 74 BEING REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO:

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L ASMARA 0200

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PGOV, ET

SUBJECT: POLICE MUTINY IN ERITREA

REF: A. ADDIS 3374

B. ASMARA 199

1. IN ADDITION TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT MADE ON ASMARA RADIO  
LAST NIGHT, THE POLICE FORCE OF ERITREA HAVE COMPRISED A LIST  
OF DEMANDS REGARDING THEIR SITUATION. A SUMMARY OF THE  
POINTS ARE AS FOLLOWS: OFFICERS AND NCOS TRANSFERRED BY  
GENERAL GASHAW DURING RECENT WEEKS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO  
PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENTS; INSURANCE DEPOSITS MADE BY COMMANDO POLICE (CP)  
SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THEIR FAMILIES UPON THEIR DEATHS AND  
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NOT RETAINED BY GENERAL GASHAW; CP SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED

TO PAY FOR EQUIPMENT DAMAGED ON OPERATIONS; DRIVERS SHOULD NOT BE HELD FINANCIALLY LIABLE FOR ACCIDENTS WHILE ON DUTY IN OFFICIAL VEHICLES; POLICE ACQUITTED OF CHARGES BY A COURT SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO WORK; MONEY PAID INTO THE POLICE COOPERATIVE SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED EQUITABLY. THEN FOLLOWS SPECIFIC CHARGES AGAINST GASHAW: HE IS CHARGED WITH BEING GREEDY, SELFISH, USING TEN GOVERNMENT CARS FOR HIS PERSONAL USE, MISAPPROPRIATING FUNDS AND FOR REQUIRING POLICEMEN TO PERFORM PERSONAL SERVICES WHILE ON DUTY. GASHAW IS ALSO CHARGED WITH BEING A MEMBER OF THE AKLILY CLIQUE. THEY CALL FOR HIS RESIGNATION AND PROSECUTION ALONG WITH OTHER PROVINCIAL POLICE CHIEFS AND THE POLICE CHIEF FOR ALL OF ETHIOPIA. THEY END BY ASKING FOR THE COOPERATION OF THE SECOND DIVISION AND THE ETHIOPIAN NAVY AND AIR FORCE OF NORTHERN ETHIOPIA.

2. LOCAL SOURCES REPORT THAT GASHAW WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING SCHEMES: (A) POCKETING 50 PERCENT OF THE GAS ALLOTMENT FOR POLICE VEHICLES; (B) EXTORTING MONEY FROM LOCAL BUSINESSMEN, PRIMARILY MUSLIMS, BY CHARGING THEM WITH COLLUSION WITH THE ELF; (C) ACTING AS EMPLOYING AGENT FOR RETIRED POLICEMEN AND GIVING POLICEMEN ONLY 50 TO 74 PERCENT OF SALARY PAID BY EMPLOYER.

3. COMMENT: THE CONSULATE IS THE ONLY EMPLOYER OF EX-POLICE (THAT I KNOW OF) THAT DOES NOT FOLLOW THIS SCHEME.

4. IT IS REPORTED THAT GENERAL GASHAW IS NOT BEING FED WHILE HE IS UNDER ARREST.

5. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HIS TRIAL COULD HAVE SNOWBALLING EFFECT AND RAISE ISSUES INVOLVING IEG OFFICIALS IN ADDIS THAT HAVE SERVED IN ASMARA OVER PAST SIX YEARS. PERRY UNQUOTE. WYMAN

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